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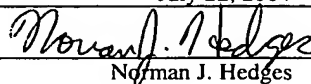
PATENT APPLICATION

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

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Applicants: Soltani et al.  
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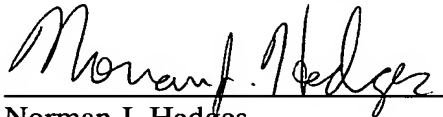
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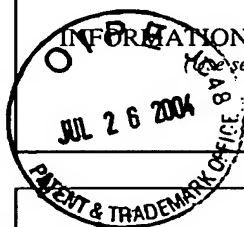
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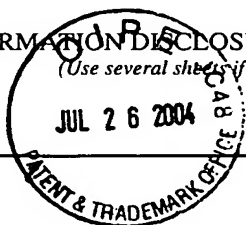
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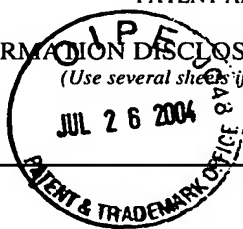
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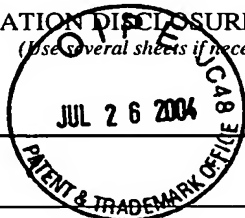
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